

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize a momentous milestone in the history of one of the Show-Me State's most blessed religious institutions; and

Whereas, Baptist Temple of Springfield, Missouri, is commemorating the resplendent occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary in April of 2007; and

Whereas, the New Testament Baptist Church began meeting in a home on Bolivar Road in April of 1957, and was officially organized on the third Sunday in August of 1957 by founding pastor, Dr. Harry E. Vickery; and

Whereas, Pastor Vickery established a Christian School (Christian Schools of Springfield) in 1963, and the school's first graduation was held in May of 1972, the same year the church changed its name to Baptist Temple; and

Whereas, Pastor Vickery stepped down as pastor on November 30, 1973, following which Dr. W.E. Dowell began serving as interim pastor in December of 1973 and was officially called as pastor on April 14, 1974; and

Whereas, Pastor Dowell led the congregation of Baptist Temple until June 19, 1988, at which time Dr. Mark Rounsaville became the church's fourth pastor on May 11, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the members and leaders of Baptist Temple upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Baptist Temple of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Charlie Norr
District No. 137

Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

Representative Shane Schoeller
District No. 139

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. , adopted, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker